**REMARKS****Claim Amendments**

Claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-12, 14-16, 18 and 20, are herein amended.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by 6,760,755 (U.S. Patent No. Brackett). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Applicant reserves the right to swear behind the reference Brackett, but submits that claims 1-20 are allowable for the following reasons.

Applicant respectfully maintains that Brackett discloses a medical imaging system where configurations for interpreting images and communication protocol for specific devices and printers are preconfigured and stored locally on the medical imaging device (such as an ultrasound imager) so that these templates can be quickly selected and configured to ease configuration of file exchange and set up of the medical imaging device by the field engineer and does not affect the network configuration of the remote imaging device. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that Brackett fails to teach or disclose an image device that requests a device configuration from a second imaging device across a network. As such, Brackett fails to teach or disclose all elements of claims 1-20. *See*, Brackett, Abstract; Figures 2 and 3; Column 1, line 55 to Column 3, line 45; Column 4, line 59 to Column 5, line 24.

Applicant's claim 1 recites, in part, "wherein the processing facility is adapted to request a device configuration from a second imaging device through the network interface in response to receiving an external upgrade command and a network location of the second imaging device." As detailed above, Applicant submits that Brackett fails to teach or disclose such an imaging device that requests a device configuration from a second imaging device across a network. As such, Brackett fails to teach or disclose all elements of independent claim 1.

Applicant's claim 6 recites, in part, "directing the second imaging devices to update their device configuration using the device configuration of the first imaging device in a manner selected from the group consisting of: retrieving the device configuration from the first imaging device, storing the device configuration of the first imaging device in a storage

location, and directing each of the second imaging devices to retrieve the device configuration of the first imaging device from the storage location; and directing each of the second imaging devices to retrieve the device configuration from the first imaging device.” As detailed above, Applicant submits that Brackett fails to teach or disclose such a computer-usable medium having computer-readable instructions stored thereon for execution by a processor to perform a method that requests a device configuration from a second imaging device across a network. As such, Brackett fails to teach or disclose all elements of independent claim 6.

Applicant’s claim 8 recites, in part, “defining a network location associated with desired device configuration for the list of similar imaging devices; and directing each imaging device of the list of similar imaging devices to retrieve the device configuration from the network location.” As detailed above, Applicant submits that Brackett fails to teach or disclose such a method of updating device configuration for imaging devices connected to a network that requests a device configuration from a second imaging device across a network. As such, Brackett fails to teach or disclose all elements of independent claim 8.

Applicant’s claim 15 recites, in part, “receiving an external upgrade command and a network location associated with a desired device configuration for the imaging device; and retrieving the desired device configuration from the network location.” As detailed above, Applicant submits that Brackett fails to teach or disclose such a method of upgrading an imaging device that requests a device configuration from a network location. As such, Brackett fails to teach or disclose all elements of independent claim 15.

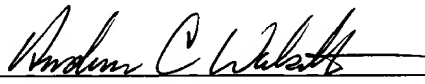
Applicant respectfully contends that claims 1, 6, 8 and 15 as pending have been shown to be patentably distinct from the cited reference. As claims 2-5, 7, 9-14, and 16-20 depend from and further define claims 1, 6, 8 and 15, respectively, they are also considered to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and allowance of claims 1-20.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 312-2207.

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